United Nations A/69/531–S/2014/742

General Assembly
Security Council

Distr.: General
17 October 2014
English
Original: Arabic

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session
Agenda items 32 and 107

Prevention of armed conflict

Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Security Council
Sixty-ninth year

Identical letters dated 16 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the following information.

The Syrian Arab Republic has repeatedly warned the international community of the threat posed by those terrorists who, for some four years, have targeted the lives and economic, social and cultural achievements of the Syrian people. Syria has also warned of the threat posed by those foreign States and forces that have intervened in its internal affairs by openly supporting terrorists and criminal groups which, using various names and pretexts, have attacked and slaughtered the Syrian people. Those States, including the Turkish Government, have used the terrorists for their own petty political goals, something that has recently been made plain by senior officials in several countries. By supporting terrorist organizations, Turkey and other States have prolonged the Syrian crisis, causing well-publicized human losses, damaging the country's achievements and civilization and displacing thousands of Syrian families from their towns and villages.

Since the outset of the crisis, in flagrant violation of the principle of neighbourly relations, Turkey has systematically done everything it can to undermine the country's stability, sovereignty and territorial integrity. It has provided all forms of political, military and logistical support to armed terrorist groups, which it has sheltered, trained, funded and armed. It has helped terrorists from 83 countries to cross into Syria. Turkey has thus become a prominent base for the terrorists who have struck in Syria and Iraq and who endanger the other States of the region. The conspiracy that has unfolded in Ayn al-Arab makes it glaringly obvious that Turkey is closely connected with the terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant.

14-62900 (E) 201014 221014

Please recycle

Turkey has sought to create a buffer zone, or what it has recently described as a safe zone, on Syrian territory. That step is a bare-faced violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, which make it incumbent to respect States' national sovereignty and refrain from interfering in their internal affairs. It also contravenes the counter-terrorism resolutions of the Security Council, particularly resolutions 1373 (2001), 2170 (2014) and 2178 (2014). The international community and, in particular, the Security Council must take swift action to bring an end to the Turkish Government's violations, which endanger regional and international peace and security.

The Syrian people has been steadfast in the face of the killings and destruction, and its armed forces have shown heroism and self-sacrifice. It has the exclusive right to determine its own future, and it will not allow anyone to intervene in its internal affairs. It is determined to confront the schemes against its unity and integrity and to defend its sovereignty and independent national choice.

The Syrian Arab Republic therefore categorically rejects the establishment of any buffer zone, safe zone or no-fly zone on any part of its territory under any pretext. Syria also rejects any aggressive intervention by foreign forces on its territory and will take every necessary measure to protect its national sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic calls on the Security Council to tackle the threat posed by the aggressive policies of the Turkish Government and to take the measures set out under international law and the Charter of the United Nations in order to prevent the Turkish leadership from undermining the United Nations, international law and the sovereignty and territorial integrity of a Member State.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 32 and 107, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Bashar **Ja'afari**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative